

RIVER STREET FESTIVAL

General Information

Saturday June 20th

10AM-6PM

River Street, Downtown Troy, New York

Beginning in 2004, the City of Troy and the River Street merchants formed the River Street Festival to help showcase all the exciting things going on in the downtown area, particularly in the special places located up and down River Street. Unlike the commercially established festivals you see today, the River Street Festival has a grassroots arts and antiques theme. The festival is a family oriented event that also offers food and entertainment. This year's festival is sponsored by the City of Troy, the Troy Downtown Collaborative, and the Arts Center of the Capital Region.

Arts and Crafts

Downtown will be brimming with over 100 juried arts and crafts vendors in a huge open air marketplace. There is also no better opportunity to check out the wonderful shops of downtown Troy featuring clothing, jewelry and antiques for excellent shopping and creative inspiration!

Want something a little more 'hands on'? The Arts Center's Street Painting Competition is an annual River Street Festival tradition.

If you've never been street painting before, it's time to try this new kind of canvas! Transform Troy's sidewalks into works of art and compete for \$1000 in cash prizes, half awarded by a committee of judges and half by "People's Choice" awards.

Registrations are now being accepted - spaces are extremely limited and cost \$10 per person. Applications can be found by visiting www.artcenteronline.org

FOOD

If all you need is a great place to have lunch, we are a perfect destination even if everyone in your party is in the mood for something different. With BBQ to Mexican, Cajun to good old street favorites like hot dogs and pretzels we've got comfort food or something new to try.

MUSIC

Headlining the annual street concert will be 90s alternative rock stars Cracker (www.crackersoul.com). Best known for their 1993 multi-platinum album Kerosene Hat, Cracker had a string of huge hits during the mid 90s, including songs like Low, Eurotrash Girl, Get Off This, and Teen Angst. In their 18-year career, they have had 8 songs reach US rock charts.

Joining them on the main stage is Mike Doughty! The former lead singer of Soul Coughing, Doughty has embarked on a solo career, recently releasing his album Golden Delicious with upbeat, quirky songs like "27 Jennifers" and "Fort Hood".

Chris Barron, lead singer of the Spin Doctors will also be performing on the main stage.

Also on the bill is former Catherine Wheel front man Rob Dickinson and The Alternate Routes from Bridgeport, CT.

The River Street Festival Main stage will be located right in the heart of Downtown, Monument Square.

We've also got a great local/alternative stage, at the intersection of River Street and State Street! This stage will be jumping all day with local acts including:

Trouble

The Dirties

Maurizio with Brittany Robichard

Julia Ilowieki

Chris Busone Band

Imagining Lennon

KIDS STUFF!

For the kids we've got a whole area complete with video game trailer (www.g2u.com), magicians, sideshows and a special sidewalk chalk painting area – all for free.

And be sure to check out a demo at 11AM by the womens roller derby sensations the Hellions of Troy! www.hellionsoftroyrollerderby.com

Eclectic and exciting, the River Street Festival truly promises something fun for everyone.

PLEASE INCLUDE A GOOGLE MAP (You can use the address #1 Monument Square,
Troy, NY)